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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ENRG IT  
SUBJECT: POSTPONEMENT ON DONAT CATTIN VISIT TO USA

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1. EMBASSY RECEIVED AUGUST 29 CONFIRMATION BY LETTER FROM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF POSTPONEMENT OF DONAT CATTIN VISIT TO USA. IN A LETTER ADDRESSED TO ECMIN CALINGAERT MFA COORDINATOR FOR ENERGY AFFAIRS MINISTER A. RAMASSO VALACCA INFORMED EMBASSY THAT DUE TO UNEXPECTED ENGAGEMENTS IN THE LATTER PART OF SEPT-EMBER, MINISTER OF INDUSTRY DONAT CATTIN WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE ABLE TO VISIT THE USA IN SEPTEMBER AS PLANNED. TEXT OF LETTER FOLLOWS PARA 2.

2. BEGIN TEXT: CONCERNING OUR PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS WITH REGARD TO THE VISIT OF MINISTER FONAT CATTIN TO THE UNITED STATES I WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU THAT BECAUSE OF UNFORESEEN ENGAGEMENTS IN ITALY TOWARDS THE END OF SEPTEMBER, MINISTER DONAT CATTIN BELIEVES THAT THE MOST CONVENIENT TIME FOR THE VISIT TO THE  
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UNITED STATES AND TO MEET WITH SECRETARY OF ENERGY SCHLESINGER MIGHT BE IN OCTOBER.  
(NEW PARAGRAPH) MINISTER DONAT CATTIN HAS ALSO RAISED THE POSSIBILITY AND UTILITY OF OTHER MEETINGS, DURING THE OCCASION OF THE VISIT, WITH THE SECRETARY OF TREASURY AND OTHER PERSONS WITH WHOM IT WOULD BE OPPORTUNE TO MEET.

(NEW PARAGRAPH) COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE. SIGNED,  
A. RAMASSO VALACCA. END TEXT.

3. COMMENT. EMBOFFS HAVE ALREADY INDICATED INFORMALLY TO MFA AND MININD OFFICIALS DIFFICULTY IN RESCHEDULING VISIT. EMBASSY CONTINUES TO BELIEVE IN UTILITY OF VISIT AND WULD APPRECIATE ANY INDICATIONS REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF VISIT IN LATTER MONTHS OF THIS YEAR. WHILE WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE REASON FOR DONAT CATTIN'S POSTPONEMENT, WE HAVE HEARD THAT DONAT CATTIN WULD LIKE TO SUCCEED PICCOLI (RECENTLY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE DC PARTY) IN HIS FORMER ROLE AS PRESIDENT OF THE DC GROUP IN THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES. THE ELECTION OF THE NEW PRESIDENT OF OF THE DC GROUP WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE LATTER PART OF SEPTEMBER AND WE ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT DONAT CATTIN'S POSTPONEMENT IS RELATED TO THAT EVENT. SHOULD HE BE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE DC GROUP IN THE CHAMBER, HE WULD BE ONE OF THE FOUR OR FIVE MOST INFLUENTIAL AND POWERFUL FIGURES IN THE DC PARTY. END COMMENT. HOLMES

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